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Dear Interested Citizen,

I am contacting you because you have been included on the mailing list for the Bybee Vegetation Management Project Environmental Assessment (EA). As you are aware, we recently sent you correspondence that the Bybee Vegetation Management Project EA is available for public review and a 30-day comment period, which began on January 15, 2013. I received information that brought to my attention that the action alternative maps in attachment A are difficult to read. As such, these maps have now been updated and are now available electronically on the Forest's website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/rogue-siskiyou/landmanagement/projects>.

In order to give you time to meaningfully evaluate and provide comments, I am restarting the 30-day comment period to allow you adequate time to review the replacement maps. The new comment period will begin upon publishing a new legal notice in the Medford Mail Tribune.

Comment timeframe: Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.

Comments and Appeal: Comments must meet the information requirements of 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 215.6. Only those who provide timely and substantive comments will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations. Comments that have already been submitted will also be included in the project record.

How to comment: Comment may be submitted in several formats, following the instructions provided below.

- Written comments must be submitted to: Robert G. MacWhorter, Forest Supervisor, c/o Sasha Fertig, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00AM – 4:30PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- Comments submitted via facsimile may be sent to: (541) 618-2149.
- Oral comments must be provided at the responsible official's office during normal business hours via telephone to Sasha Fertig, telephone: (541) 618-2127, or in person.




- Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, using plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc or .docx), or portable document format (.pdf) to: comments-pacificnorthwest-rogueriver-highcascades@fs.fed.us. Please include "Bybee" in your subject line. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality. Where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without names and addresses.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you in reviewing the Bybee Vegetation Management EA. Your comments are important to us and hope this will alleviate any confusion you may have on the proposed action and alternatives considered in detail.

Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from: Sasha Fertig (Environmental Coordinator), telephone: (541) 618-2127, e-mail: sashafertig@fs.fed.us; or Craig Davis (Acting Timber Management Assistant), telephone: (541) 560-3469, e-mail: cddavis@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,


for ROBERT G. MACWHORTER
Forest Supervisor